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"The Strawberry Roan"

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I was hangin' ,round town just spendin' my time
Out of a job, not earnin' a dime
A feller steps up and he said, "I suppose
You're a bronc fighter by the looks of your dothes."
"You figgers me right, I'm a good one", I claim
"Do you happen to have any bad ones to tame?"
He said he'd got one, a bad one to buck
At throwin' good riders he's had lots of luck.
I gets all het up and I asks what he pays
To ride this old nag for a couple of days
He offered me ten and I said, "I'm your man!
The bronc never lived that I couldn't fan!"
He said, "Get your saddle, IÂ´l give you a chance."
In his buckboard we hops and he drives to the ranch
I stayed until mornin' and right after chuck
I stepped out to see if this outlaw can buck.
Down in the horse corral standin' alone
Is an old caballo, the Strawberry Roan
His legs are all spavined, he's got pigeon toes
Little pig eyes and a big Roman nose
Little pin ears that touch at the tip
A big "44" brand was on his left hip
U-necked and old with a long lower jaw
I can see with one eye he's a regular outlaw!
I gets the blinds on him and it sure is a fright
Next comes the saddle and I screws it down tight
Then I steps on him and I raises the blind
"Get out the way, boys, he's gonna unwind!"
He sure is a frog-walker, he heaves a big sigh
He only likes wings for to be on the fly
He turns his old belly right up to the sun
He sure is a sunfishin' son-of-a-gun!
He's about the worst bucker I've seen on the range
He'll turn on a nickel and give you some change
He hits on all fours and goes up on high
Leaves me a-spinnin' up there in the sky
I turns over twice and I comes back to earth
I lights in to cussin' the day of his birth
I know there are ponies that I cannot ride
There's some of them left, they haven't all died
I'll bet all my money the man ain't alive

That'll stay with old Strawberry when he makes his high
dive!
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